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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent From Last Year

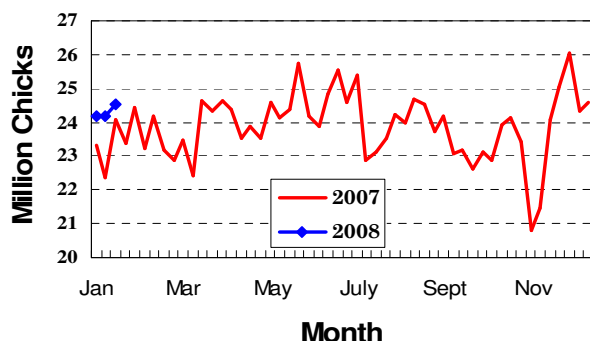
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas were 24.5 million during the week ending January 19, 2008. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Placements included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2007 through January 19, 2008 were 72.8 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week were 23.8 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

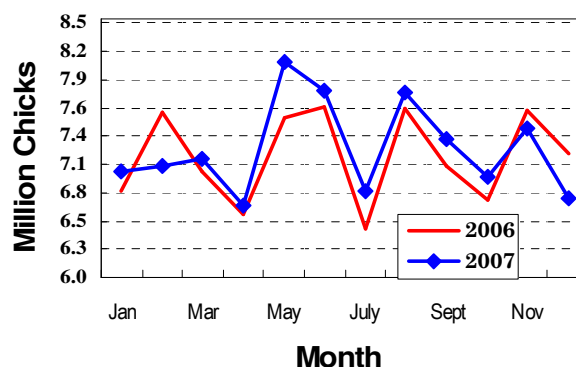
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 28.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 19, 2008, up 3 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 6.75 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2007, down 6 percent from December 2006.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2007-2008



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2006 - 2007



	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
Week Ending 1/	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2006-2007	2007-2008	
	Thousand		
Dec. 15	23,902	26,043	109
Dec. 22	23,868	24,319	102
Dec. 29	22,868	24,567	107
Jan. 5	23,300	24,167*	104
Jan. 12	22,353	24,160*	108
Jan. 19	24,096	24,511	102

	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
Month	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2006	2007	
	Thousand		
Jul.	6,456	6,818	106
Aug.	7,631	7,792	102
Sep.	7,063	7,327	104
Oct.	6,744	6,970	103
Nov.	7,618	7,438	98
Dec.	7,176	6,749	94

1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

*Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, December 22, 2007 - January 19, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	22-Dec	29-Dec	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	% 1/	22-Dec	29-Dec	5-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,113	32,201 *	31,692	32,012	32,339	111	21,980	21,717	21,166	21,432	21,012	103
Arkansas	28,008	28,434 *	28,427 *	28,098 *	28,446	103	24,319	24,567	24,167 *	24,160 *	24,511	102
Delaware	4,133	4,153	4,182 *	4,057 *	4,026	101	4,482	4,696	5,228 *	5,353 *	4,726	95
Florida	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,339	1,368	100	1,367	1,307	1,375	1,394	1,469	98
Georgia	36,581	36,366	36,719	35,299	35,480	102	29,388	28,747	29,961	29,703	29,166	101
Kentucky	7,810 *	7,703 *	7,790	7,426	7,749	99	6,798	6,276 *	5,946 *	5,953 *	6,438	103
Louisiana	3,675	3,710	3,706	3,685	3,920	107	4,031	3,480	3,849	3,467	3,698	104
Maryland	9,015	9,008	9,042	8,969 *	8,980	107	6,255	6,207	6,173 *	5,608 *	5,855	98
Mississippi	19,075	18,861	17,832	18,495	18,769	102	17,284	17,003	17,450	17,622	17,300	104
N. Carolina	19,436	19,809 *	19,793	19,985	19,798	108	16,388	16,201	16,444	16,012	16,299	108
Oklahoma	6,597	6,630	6,660	6,789	6,613	101	4,595	4,371	5,219	4,854	4,892	112
Pennsylvania	4,371	4,308	4,345	4,340 *	4,290	109	3,263	3,104	3,053	3,251 *	3,275	111
S. Carolina	5,669	5,457	5,515	5,660	5,345	98	4,959	4,628	4,304	5,170	5,214	108
Texas	15,473	15,475 *	14,936	14,945	15,547	110	12,833	12,755	12,367	12,943	12,894	107
Virginia	6,207	6,225	6,197	5,999	6,324	103	5,344	5,382	4,397	5,138	5,531	114
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,450	19,418	19,636 *	18,977 *	18,399	96	16,932	15,652	17,707 *	17,158 *	17,488	107
19 State Total	218,952 *	219,097 *	217,811 *	216,075 *	217,393		180,218	176,093 *	178,806 *	179,218 *	179,768	
Prev. Year Total	209,627	211,375	210,475	211,204	208,591		173,573	168,485	172,967	171,178	172,806	
% of Prev. Year	104	104	103	102	104		104	105	103	105	104	
Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/							9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	1-Mar	8-Mar	

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 19, 2008. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 19, 2008. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through January 19, 2008 were 538 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.